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Habeas corpus hearing to continue tomorrow

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The hearing of an application for habeas corpus by eight people detained under the Internal Security Act will continue in the High Court on Monday.

Judge Datuk Abdul Kadir Musa said he was cancelling a scheduled trip to Johor to hear a few cases there to accommodate the habeas corpus case.

The judge said he wanted to hear the application and possibly give a decision fast as it involved the liberty of people.

The eight were detained for alleged involvement in the Jemaah Islamiyah movement in 2001 and 2002.

Counsel Edmund Bon, Edward Saw, Amer Hamzah Arshad and Abdul Rashid Ismail appeared for the detainees while Deputy Public Prosecutors Abdul Wahab Mohamad, Wong Ching Kiat and Muhammad Anas Mahathir appeared for the respondents - the Inspector-General of Police, the Home Minister and the Government.

Earlier, the parties went to see Chief Judge of Malaya Tan Sri Haidar Mohd Noor to seek an earlier date for the case.

This followed a statement by Abdul Kadir yesterday that he was willing to give priority to the habeas corpus case if the Chief Judge was agreeable.

The detainees are Abdul Razak Baharudin, Mat Sah Mohd Satray, Mohd Sha Sarijan, Abdullah Mohamed Noor, Nordin Ahmad, Abdul Murad Sudin, Abdullah Minyak Silam and Shamsuddin Sulaiman.